

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Elder's Commission

1st Quarter Report
January – February - March
2017



Commissioners

Richard Wemigwase, Chairman

Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

Janice Shackleford, Treasurer

JoAnn Carey, Commissioner

The Elder's Commission meetings are open meetings and the Commission encourages membership attendance and participation.

The Elder's Commission meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, meetings begin at 5 p.m. unless posted otherwise. All meetings are held at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department Conference Room until further notice, unless otherwise stated.

The Elder's Department Director has presented many issues and concerns to the commission. The Elder's Commissioners will continue to work with the Department to address, review and discuss department issues and concerns. The Commission will assist and support the department in reaching resolution wherever possible and work to strive with LTBB membership's best interest in mind.

The Michigan Indian Elder Association quarterly meeting will be held on April 3-5, 2017 in Manistee, MI and will be hosted by Little River Band. JoAnn Carey, Commissioner will be attending the meeting. The Elder's Commission sends at least one commissioner to attend these quarterly meetings to keep the commission abreast of current issues plaguing our tribal communities.

The Elder Commission developed a survey that was asking all LTBB Tribal Elders their concerns and what services they would be interested in receiving and their needs for

services in the future from the Elder Department. A final report will be compiled and submitted by the end of the 2nd quarter, currently surveys are still being submitted to the commission.

The commissioners are dedicated to establishing a line of communication with the Elders Department and assist the department to the best of our abilities in the future.

The commission has been working with the Elders Department to review and update various elder department policies and these policies will be posted and submitted to Tribal Council for approval.

The commissioners would like to express their appreciation to the Executive for recommendations to Tribal Council for placement on the Elder's Commission.

The commissioners would like to thank Tribal Council for their appointments to the Elder's Commission.



Written and submitted by, Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary